

Villages/Model Bastis will be identified through a consultative process in which the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), State Government as well as the implementing agency will be actively involved.

(c) HUDCO proposes to launch this scheme in August, 1997.

[Translation]

Unemployment in Bihar

71. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special scheme is being evolved by the Union Government to check increasing unemployment in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) No special scheme is being evolved by the Union Government to check increasing unemployment in Bihar. However, the Government is implementing a number of self employment and wage employment programmes throughout the country, in which the State of Bihar is also included. Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment has one scheme for Self Employment i.e. Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and two schemes for wage employment i.e. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) in rural areas. Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) is implemented in urban areas. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) is implemented both in rural and urban areas.

[English]

Cardio Disease by Tobacco

72. DR. M. JAGANNATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people in the country suffering from Cardio vascular diseases caused by tobacco;

(b) the concrete steps proposed to be taken to ban the smoking in public places and public conveyances; and

(c) the policy of the Government to phase out cultivation and manufacture of tobacco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Information on the number of people suffering from cardio-vascular diseases caused by tobacco is not available. However, estimates has been derived

indirectly by utilising the available information on attributable risk of Coronary Heart Diseases (CHD) due to tobacco, and number of prevalent cases of CHD cases in the country. Taking an estimate of 2-fold risk, the number of cases attributable to tobacco works out to about 13 lakh persons.

(b) Under administrative instructions, tobacco smoking is prohibited in Hospitals, dispensaries and other health care establishments, educational institutions, Conference Rooms, domestic air flights, air-conditioned Chair Cars and air-conditioned sleeper coaches in trains, sub-urban trains and air-conditioned buses under the control of Government of India. Further in the National Capital Territory of Delhi, smoking is prohibited in public places and public conveyances.

(c) The Central Tobacco Research Institute (ICAR) has identified a number of suitable alternate crops like Mustard, Safflower, Sunflower, Soyabean, Groundnut, Ragi, Onion, Garlic and Sugarcane in the FCV Tobacco growing areas. Edd Efforts are being made to propagate the cultivation of these crops in the Tobacco growing areas.

[Translation]

Rehabilitation of Jhuggi-Jhopari Dwellers in Chandigarh

73. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the rehabilitation of various jhuggi-jhopari clusters in 1996-97 in the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the amount spent thereon;

(b) whether the Government have any plans for the rehabilitation of these jhuggi-jhopari clusters during 1997-98;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether basic amenities have not been provided to such slum dwellers who have not been rehabilitated so far;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which these facilities are likely to be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Agitation by Bidi Workers

74. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: